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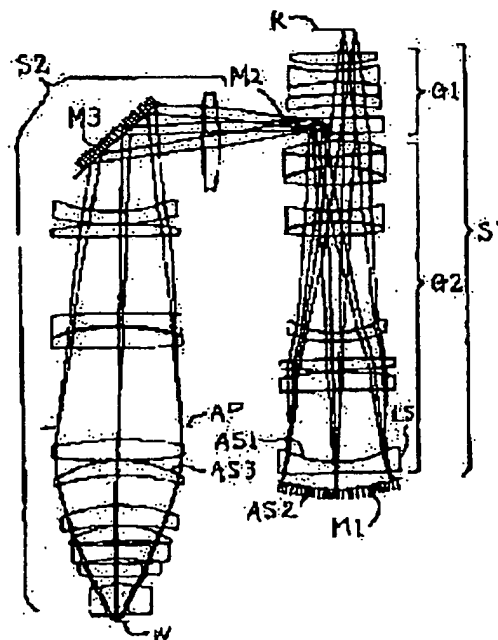
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(54) REFLECTIVE/REFRACTIVE OPTICAL SYSTEM

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a reflective/refractive optical system having a large numerical aperture in the ultraviolet wavelength region, a practical size as a whole, and a resolving power of quarter micron unit, and miniaturizing the respective component members of the optical system.

SOLUTION: This optical system includes a first image forming optical system S1 composed of a refractive member, a concave mirror M1 and a second image forming optical system S2 composed of a refractive member and the pattern of a semiconductor element is projected on a substrate. In this case, between the refractive member composing the first image forming optical system S1 and the refractive member composing the first image forming optical system S2, at least one refractive member is made to have an aspherical surface.



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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] It is the cata-dioptric system characterized by for at least one refraction member to have the aspheric surface among the refraction members which constitute the refraction member which constitutes said 1st image formation optical system, and said 2nd image-formation optical system in the cata-dioptric system which projects the pattern of a semiconductor device on the order in which a beam of light advances to up to a substrate including the 1st image-formation optical system constituted by the refraction member, a concave mirror, and the 2nd image-formation optical system constituted by the refraction member.

[Claim 2] The beam of light which said 1st image formation optical system consists of the 1st lens group which a beam of light passes only at once, and the 2nd lens group to which a beam of light goes and comes back, and the lens nearest to a concave mirror of this 2nd lens group is a negative lens, and injected said 2nd lens group is cata-dioptric system according to claim 1 characterized by carrying out image formation of the pattern of said semiconductor device once before carrying out incidence to said 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 3] Cata-dioptric system according to claim 1 or 2 characterized by having arranged the optical-path deviation member between said 1st image formation optical system and said 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 4] The refraction member which constitutes the refraction member which constitutes said 1st image formation optical system, and said 2nd image formation optical system is cata-dioptric system according to claim 1 to 3 characterized by being constituted by a quartz and fluorite, or any its one ** material.

[Claim 5] Said concave mirror is cata-dioptric system according to claim 1 to 4 characterized by being an aspheric surface configuration.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the optical system used with the projection aligner used in case a semiconductor device or a liquid crystal display component is manufactured at a photolithography process. It is related with the cata-dioptric system which has the resolution of a quarter micron unit in an ultraviolet-rays wavelength region by using a reflecting mirror as an element of optical system especially.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] In the photography process for manufacturing a semiconductor device etc., the projection aligner exposed on substrates (a wafer is called collectively hereafter), such as a wafer with which the photo mask or reticle (a reticle is called collectively hereafter) on which the pattern of a semiconductor device was drawn was applied to the photoresist etc. through projection optics, or a glass plate, is used. The resolution required of the projection optics currently used for the projection aligner is increasing increasingly as degrees of integration, such as a semiconductor device, improve. In order to satisfy this demand, numerical aperture (NA) of projection optics needed to be enlarged short [wavelength / of the illumination light]. In order to fill these demands, the various techniques which constitute projection optics from so-called cata-dioptric system which combined a reflective system and refractive media are proposed.

[0003] For example, the cata-dioptric system using the exposure field containing the beam of light on an optical axis is indicated by JP,63-163319,A and JP,5-25170,B. Moreover, not using an optical-axis top, there is optical system indicated by JP,7-111512,B and USP-4,779,966 No. as optical system using a zona-orbicularis-like exposure field.

[0004]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] It is necessary to use the beam splitter which had a transparency reflector for optical-path division in the cata-dioptric system using the exposure field containing the beam of light on the above-mentioned optical axis. In such optical system, it is easy to generate the stray light leading to a flare or lighting nonuniformity in the internal reflection by the reflected light from a wafer side, the internal reflection in the refracting interface of the optical-system after a beam splitter, the transparency reflector of a beam splitter, etc. Moreover, when a numerical aperture is enlarged, a large-sized beam splitter is needed, and huge-ization of the exposure time by the quantity of light loss causes the fall of the throughput in a semiconductor production process. Manufacturing a large-sized polarization beam splitter's having un-arranged [that it is very difficult and the heterogeneity of the transparency reflective film, an include-angle property, absorption, a phase change, etc. degrade an image formation property], although adoption of a polarization beam splitter was needed in order to prevent a quantity of light loss as furthermore indicated by JP,6-300973,A etc.

[0005] On the other hand, in the cata-dioptric system indicated by the USP-4,779,966 No. using a zona-orbicularis-like exposure field, catoptric system is adopted as a contraction [side / wafer] side rather than the middle image. However, since NA is large compared with a reticle side side, optical-path division can be difficult, and cannot enlarge NA of optical system, and a contraction side cannot have sufficient resolution. Moreover, enlargement of a concave mirror is not avoided, either.

[0006] In the cata-dioptric system similarly indicated by JP,7-111512,B using a zona-orbicularis-like exposure field, the 1st image formation optical system containing the concave mirror for forming a middle image consists of optical system of a perfect symmetry mold, and the middle image is the actual size image of a reticle side.

Although aberration generating of the 1st image formation optical system is made to mitigate by this, the 2nd image formation optical system will take charge of the scale factor of the whole system alone, and the burden concerning the 2nd image formation optical system becomes heavy. If big NA is required especially of optical system, enlargement of the 2nd image formation optical system and complication will not be avoided.

[0007] In view of this point, this invention attains big numerical aperture in an ultraviolet-rays wavelength region, the whole optical system is practical magnitude, and it has the resolution of a quarter micron unit, and aims at offering the cata-dioptric system which miniaturized each configuration member of optical system.

[0008]

[Means for Solving the Problem] The 1st image formation optical system S1 constituted from this invention by the refraction member by the order in which a beam of light advances in order to attain the above-mentioned purpose, In the cata-dioptric system which projects the pattern of a semiconductor device to up to a substrate including a concave mirror M1 and the 2nd image formation optical system S2 constituted by the refraction member At least one refraction member offers the cata-dioptric system characterized by having the aspheric surface among the refraction members which constitute the refraction member which constitutes said 1st image formation optical system, and said 2nd image formation optical system.

[0009]

[Embodiment of the Invention] As mentioned above, by adopting an aspheric surface configuration as a refraction member in this invention, it becomes possible to enlarge NA of mitigating generating of high order aberration, and optical system, and enlargement of optical system and complication can be prevented. This can bend now the flux of light around a lens side ideally by shifting a refracting interface from the spherical surface. It is because it comes to be able to perform high order aberration amendment by it, without extending the whole flux of light.

[0010] If the refracting interface of an aspheric surface configuration is especially introduced into the 1st image formation optical system S1, enlargement of the 1st image formation optical system S1 can be prevented, and if the refracting interface of an aspheric surface configuration is introduced into the 2nd image formation optical system S2, enlargement of the 2nd image formation optical system S2 can be prevented. Moreover, it consists of the 1st lens group G1 in which a beam of light passes the 1st image formation optical system S1 only at once at this invention, and the 2nd lens group G2 to which a beam of light goes and comes back, and the lens nearest to a concave mirror M1 of the 2nd lens group G2 is negative lens LS, and before carrying out incidence of the beam of light which injected the 2nd lens group G2 to the 2nd image formation optical system S2, it is desirable [the beam of light] to carry out image formation of the pattern of a semiconductor device once. If it is especially made arrangement of such optical system, the miniaturization of each configuration member can be attained. The configuration of carrying out image formation of the pattern of a semiconductor device once before the beam of light which has arranged the lens nearest to a concave mirror M1 of the 2nd lens group G2 in the order in which a beam of light advances with negative lens LS, a concave mirror M1, and the 2nd image formation optical system S2, and injected the 2nd lens group G2 in it moreover carries out incidence to the 2nd image formation optical system S2 is very effective in reduction of axial overtone aberration.

[0011] In the case of the above optical system of a configuration, it is desirable to consist of a refraction member in which the 2nd lens group G2 has at least two different negative refractive power, and a refraction member with at least two different forward refractive power further. The lens with negative refractive power is greatly effective in amendment of comatic aberration, spherical aberration, a curvature of field, etc., and without optical system becoming large, since it has big NA and a big, big exposure field, the lens with forward refractive power is effective. Furthermore, in order to compensate the aberration of the 2nd image formation optical system S2 and to make light the burden of aberration amendment of the 2nd image formation optical system S2, it is desirable to have two lenses at a time respectively at least.

[0012] And as for the 1st lens group G1, it is still more desirable to consist of refraction members with at least three different refractive power. Spec. also with severe amendment of distortion aberration and amendment of a curvature of field is demanded as optical system is recently asked for resolution. Although the adjustment at the time of manufacture is needed for this achievement, the lens for adjustment has an effective lens near the reticle side. However, since the 2nd lens group G2 of the optical system of this invention is both-way combination optical system, it can be said that it is unsuitable as a lens for adjustment. Therefore, the adjustment at the time of manufacture of distortion aberration or a curvature of field is attained by constituting from a lens which has

at least three different refractive power in the 1st lens group G1. Moreover, by making the 1st lens group G1 of the above-mentioned configuration, it becomes possible to enlarge working distance near the Rth page of a reticle and exposure of step - and - scanning method can be realized.

[0013] Moreover, the 2nd image formation optical system S2 mainly amends spherical aberration and comatic aberration, and plays an important role for optical system to have big NA. It is desirable to arrange the optical path deviation member M3 in this invention between the 1st image formation optical system S1 and the 2nd image formation optical system S2. This is because it becomes possible to bend the whole optical system and the miniaturization of the whole optical system can be attained by arranging optical-path deviation members, such as a mirror.

[0014] Moreover, in order that wavelength may use the short wavelength exceeding 300nm as the light source for exposure in this invention, especially, the quantity of light transparency property in this field is good, and economical, and it is desirable to use the good quartz or fluorite of workability. Moreover, a concave mirror M1 may be formed in an aspheric surface configuration in this invention. A concave mirror M1 can enlarge forward refractive power which a concave mirror M1 has without generating of high order aberration as it is an aspheric surface configuration, and the chromatic-aberration amendment of it about the wavelength of a broadband is attained at implementation of the miniaturization of optical system, and the formation of large NA, and a planar surface.

[0015] In addition, a coherence factor (sigma value) can be adjusted by preparing an aperture diaphragm (variable aperture) into the optical path of the 2nd image formation optical system S2. As the one technique of making the depth of focus deep and raising resolving power, the phase shift method which shifts the phase of the predetermined part in the pattern of a reticle from other parts is proposed in JP,62-50811,B. In this invention, since it is possible to adjust a coherence factor (sigma value), there is an advantage which can improve the effectiveness of this phase shift method further.

[0016]

[Example] The numerical example of the cata-dioptic system by this invention is shown below. The cata-dioptic system by each numerical example sequentially from Reticle R side (in order in which a beam of light advances) It is constituted by the 1st image formation optical system S1 constituted by the refraction member, concave mirror M1, and the 2nd image formation optical system S2 constituted by the refraction member. The 1st image formation optical system S1 A beam of light consists of the 1st lens group G1 which passes only at once, and the 2nd lens group G2 to which a beam of light goes and comes back, and the lens nearest to a concave mirror M1 of the 2nd lens group consists of negative lens LS.

[0017] Moreover, image quantity is made by NA=0.6 and aberration amendment is made for each numerical example in the range from 5 to 18.6. In addition, as an exposure field, the range of the above-mentioned image quantity may be made into the shape of zona orbicularis, and you may make it the rectangle of 6x30 at the plate distant from the optical axis five. r expresses the radius of curvature of a field among each table of the 1st example and the 2nd example, and d expresses spacing of a field. Moreover, a quartz is SiO₂ as ** material. Fluorite is CaF₂. It has indicated among each table. The refractive index n to 193.0nm of a quartz and fluorite and 1/ of the variances nu to **0.1nm are as follows.

[0018]

	n	1 / ν
合成石英	1.56019	1780
螢石	1.50138	2550

Moreover, the aspheric surface is expressed by the following formulas among each example.

$Z = (Y^2 / r) / [1 + \sqrt{1 - (1 + K) Y^2 / r^2}] + C_4 Y^4 + C_6 Y^6 + C_8 Y^8 + C_{10} Y^{10} + C_{12} Y^{12}$ -- however Z : Distance Y measured in the direction of an optical axis from top-most vertices : Distance K measured in the direction of an optical axis from top-most vertices : Constant of the cone r : The radius of curvature of top-most vertices, C₄ and C₆ and C₈ ... : The 8th order the 6th order the 4th order in the 1st example of an aspheric surface multiplier [the 1st example] of ... The 1st lens group G1 is constituted from the Rth page of a reticle by a biconvex lens, the biconcave lens, the meniscus lens that turned the convex to the Rth page side of reticle, the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, and the plane-parallel plate in order. Moreover, the **** configuration of the 2nd lens group is carried out in order [page / of reticle / Rth at a biconvex lens, a biconcave lens, a biconvex lens, a biconcave lens, a biconvex lens, the meniscus lens that

turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of a reticle, a biconvex lens, the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, and negative meniscus lens LS which turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of the reticle in which the field by the side of Reticle R was formed to the aspheric surface AS 1. Here, the plane-parallel plate in the 1st lens group G1 has processed some lenses into the plane mirror M2 as an optical-path deviation member. And image formation of the image of Reticle R is once carried out near [plane mirror M2] this. Moreover, the concave mirror M1 is formed in the aspheric surface AS 2 in this example.

[0019] The 2nd image formation optical system S2 in order [page / of reticle / Rth] Furthermore, a biconvex lens, The meniscus lens which turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of a reticle, a biconvex lens, the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, A biconvex lens, aperture diaphragm AP, a biconvex lens, the meniscus lens that turned the convex to the Rth page side of the reticle in which the field by the side of Reticle R was formed to the aspheric surface AS 3, It consists of the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, a biconcave lens, a meniscus lens which turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of a reticle, and a meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle. He arranges a plane mirror M3 as an optical-path deviation member between the first lens in the 2nd image formation optical system S2, and the second lens, and is trying for the Rth page of a reticle and the Wth page of a wafer to become parallel by this example here between.

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The [2nd example] The 1st lens group G1 is constituted from the 2nd example by the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, the biconvex lens, the biconcave lens, the meniscus lens that turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, and the plane-parallel plate in order [page / of reticle / Rth] moreover, the meniscus lens and biconvex lens with which the 2nd lens group turned the biconvex lens and turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of a reticle in order [page / of reticle / Rth], the meniscus lens which turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, a biconcave lens, a biconvex lens, the meniscus lens that turned the convex to the Rth page side of a reticle, a biconvex lens, the meniscus lens which turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of a reticle, and negative meniscus lens LS which turned the concave surface to the Rth page side of a reticle be alike -- it *****. Here, the plane-parallel plate in the 1st lens group G1 has processed some lenses into the plane mirror M2 as an optical-path deviation member. And image

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[0021]

[Effect of the Invention] As mentioned above, in this invention, big numerical aperture is attained in an ultraviolet-rays wavelength region, the whole optical system has the resolution of a quarter micron unit in practical magnitude, and it became possible to offer cata-dioptric system also with still easier manufacture.

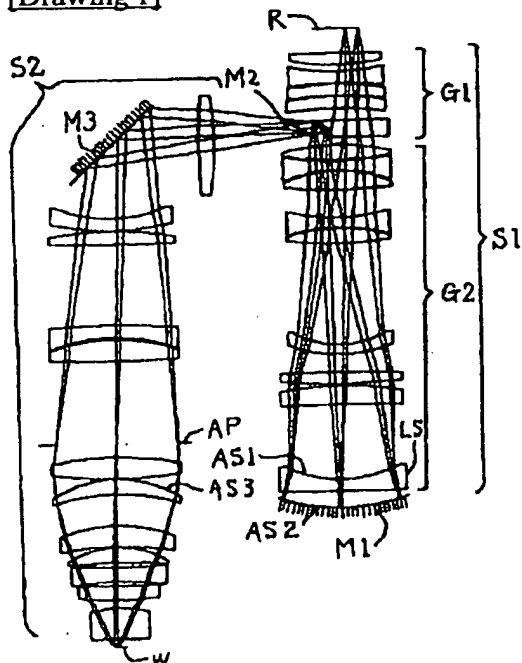
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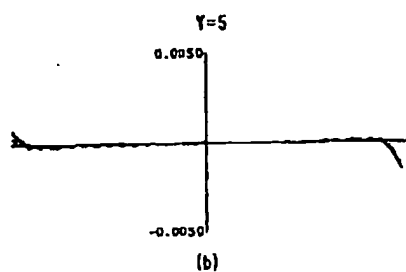
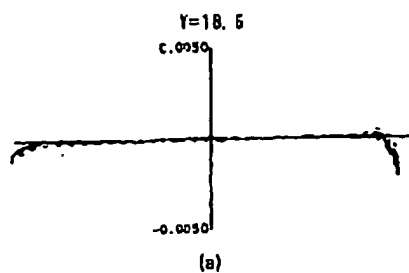
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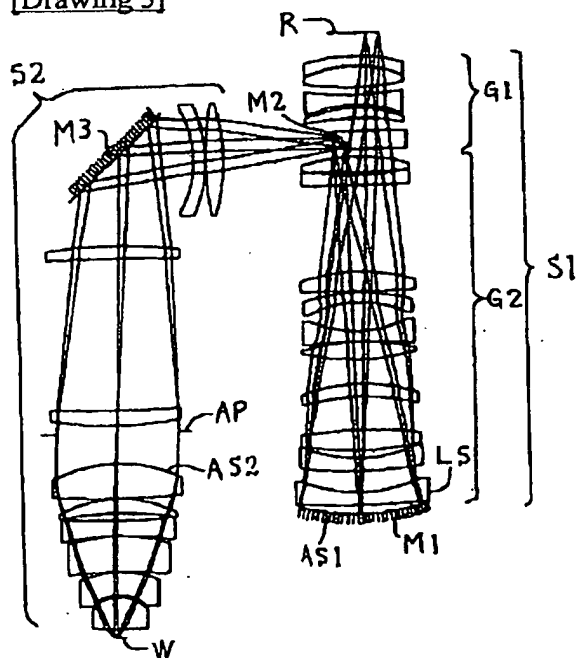
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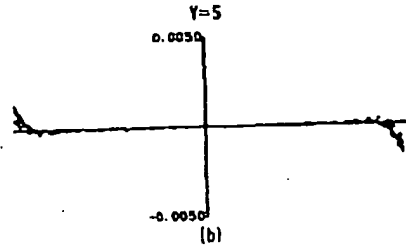
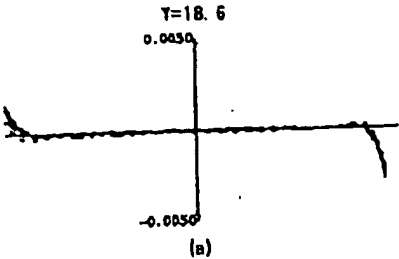


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 [Claim(s)]
 [Claim 1]

In the cata-dioptric system which projects the pattern of a semiconductor device on the order in which a beam of light advances to up to a substrate including the 1st image formation optical system constituted by the refraction member, a concave mirror, and the 2nd image formation optical system constituted by the refraction member,

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It is the cata-dioptric system characterized by at least one refraction member having the aspheric surface among the refraction members which constitute the refraction member which constitutes said 1st image formation optical system, and said 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 2]

Said 1st image formation optical system consists of the 1st lens group which a beam of light passes only at once, and the 2nd lens group to which a beam of light goes and comes back,
The lens nearest to a concave mirror of this 2nd lens group is a negative lens,
The beam of light which injected said 2nd lens group is cata-dioptric system according to claim 1 characterized by carrying out image formation of the pattern of said semiconductor device once before carrying out incident to said 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 3]

Cata-dioptric system according to claim 1 or 2 characterized by having arranged the optical-path deviation member between said 1st image formation optical system and said 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 4]

The refraction member which constitutes the refraction member which constitutes said 1st image formation optical system, and said 2nd image formation optical system is the cata-dioptric system of three claim 1 characterized by being constituted by a quartz and fluorite, or any its one ** material thru/or given in any 1 term.

[Claim 5]

Said concave mirror is the cata-dioptric system of four claim 1 characterized by being an aspheric surface configuration thru/or given in any 1 term.

[Claim 6]

In the cata-dioptric system which exposes the pattern image of a reticle on a substrate,
The 1st image formation optical system which has a refraction member and a concave mirror,
It is arranged in the optical path between said 1st image formation optical system and said substrates, and has the 2nd image formation optical system which has a refraction member,
It is the cata-dioptric system characterized by at least one refraction member having the aspheric surface among the refraction members which constitute said 1st and 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 7]

Said 1st image formation optical system is equipped with the 1st lens group arranged in the optical path between said reticles and said concave mirrors, and the 2nd lens group arranged in the optical path between the 1st lens group and said concave mirror,
In said 1st lens group, a beam of light passes only at once, and a beam of light carries out both-way passage at said 2nd lens group,
Said 2nd lens group equips said concave mirror with the negative lens by which contiguity arrangement is carried out most,

Cata-dioptric system according to claim 6 characterized by forming the middle image of said reticle into the optical path between said 1st image formation optical system and said 2nd image formation optical system.

[Claim 8]

Said 2nd lens group is cata-dioptric system according to claim 7 characterized by having the refraction member with at least two different negative refractive power, and the refraction member with at least two different forward refractive power.

[Claim 9]

Said 1st lens group is cata-dioptric system according to claim 8 characterized by having the refraction member with at least three different refractive power.

[Claim 10]

The refraction member with said at least three different refractive power in said 1st lens group is cata-dioptric system according to claim 9 characterized by having the lens for adjustment.

[Claim 11]

Claim 6 characterized by having further the optical-path deviation member arranged in the optical path between said 1st image formation optical system and said 2nd image formation optical system thru/or cata-dioptric system of ten given in any 1 term.

[Claim 12]

The refraction member which constitutes said 1st and 2nd image formation optical system is the cata-dioptric system of 11 claim 6 characterized by being constituted with a quartz and fluorite, or any its one ingredient thru/or given in any 1 term.

[Claim 13]

Said concave mirror is the cata-dioptric system of 12 claim 6 characterized by having an aspheric surface configuration thru/or given in any 1 term.

[Claim 14]

Said 2nd image formation optical system is the cata-dioptric system of 13 claim 6 characterized by having the variable aperture thru/or given in any 1 term.

[Claim 15]

In the projection aligner which exposes the image of a reticle on a substrate through projection optics, The projection aligner characterized by having claim 1 for imprinting the image of said reticle on said substrate thru/or the cata-dioptric system of 14 given in any 1 term.

[Claim 16]

In the projection exposure approach which exposes the image of a reticle on a substrate through projection optics,

The projection exposure approach characterized by imprinting the image of said reticle on a substrate using the cata-dioptric system of 14 claim 1 thru/or given in any 1 term.

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[0001]

[Field of the Invention]

This invention relates to the projection exposure approach using the projection aligner using the cata-dioptric system and this cata-dioptric system which have the resolution of a quarter micron unit in an ultraviolet-rays wavelength region, and this cata-dioptric system the optical system used with the projection aligner used in a semiconductor device or a liquid crystal display component is manufactured at a photolithography process, and by using a reflecting mirror as an element of optical system especially.

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[0007]

In view of this point, this invention attains big numerical aperture in an ultraviolet-rays wavelength region, the whole optical system is practical magnitude, and it has the resolution of a quarter micron unit, and aims at offering the projection exposure approach using the projection aligner using the cata-dioptric system and this cata-dioptric system which miniaturized each configuration member of optical system, and this cata-dioptric system.

[Procedure amendment 5]

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[0021]

[Effect of the Invention]

As mentioned above, by this invention, big numerical aperture was attained in the ultraviolet-rays wavelength region, and in practical magnitude, the whole optical system has the resolution of a quarter micron unit, and became possible [offering the projection exposure approach using the projection aligner using cata-dioptric system also with still easier manufacture and this cata-dioptric system, and this cata-dioptric system].

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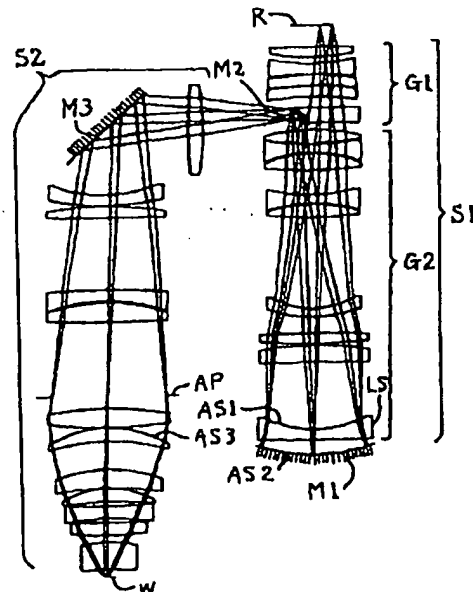
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(54) 【発明の名称】 反射屈折光学系

(57) 【要約】

【課題】 紫外線波長域で大きな開口数を達成し、光学系全体が実用的な大きさで、クォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有し、光学系の各構成部材を小型化した反射屈折光学系を提供する。

【解決手段】 光線が進行する順に、屈折部材によって構成された第1結像光学系S1と、凹面鏡M1と、屈折部材によって構成された第2結像光学系S2とを含み、半導体素子のパターンを基板上へ投影する反射屈折光学系において、前記第1結像光学系を構成する屈折部材及び前記第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材のうち、少なくとも1つの屈折部材は非球面を有する反射屈折光学系を提供する。



【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】光線が進行する順に、屈折部材によって構成された第1結像光学系と、凹面鏡と、屈折部材によって構成された第2結像光学系とを含み、半導体素子のパターンを基板上へ投影する反射屈折光学系において、前記第1結像光学系を構成する屈折部材及び前記第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材のうち、少なくとも1つの屈折部材は非球面を有することを特徴とする反射屈折光学系。

【請求項2】前記第1結像光学系は、光線が一度だけ通過する第1レンズ群と、光線が往復する第2レンズ群とからなり、

前記第2レンズ群の最も凹面鏡に近いレンズは、負レンズであり、

前記第2レンズ群を射出した光線は、前記第2結像光学系に入射する前に前記半導体素子のパターンを一度結像することを特徴とする請求項1記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項3】前記第1結像光学系と前記第2結像光学系との間に光路偏向部材を配置したことを特徴とする請求項1又は2記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項4】前記第1結像光学系を構成する屈折部材及び前記第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材は、石英及び螢石、またはその何れか1つの硝材により構成されることを特徴とする請求項1乃至3記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項5】前記凹面鏡は非球面形状であることを特徴とする請求項1乃至4記載の反射屈折光学系。

【発明の詳細な説明】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、例えば半導体素子、または液晶表示素子等をフォトリソグラフィ工程で製造する際に使用される投影露光装置で用いられる光学系に関する。特に、光学系の要素として反射鏡を用いることにより、紫外線波長域でクォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有する反射屈折光学系に関する。

【0002】

【従来の技術】半導体素子等を製造するためのフォトリソグラフィ工程において、半導体素子のパターンが描かれたフォトマスクまたはレチクル（以下、まとめてレチクルと称する）を投影光学系を介して、フォトレジスト等が塗布されたウエハーまたはガラスプレート等の基板（以下、まとめてウエハーと称する）上に露光する投影露光装置が使用されている。半導体素子等の集積度が向上するにつれて、投影露光装置に使用されている投影光学系に要求される解像力は益々高まっている。この要求を満たすために、照明光の波長を短く且つ投影光学系の開口数（NA）を大きくする必要が生じた。これら要求を満たすために、反射系と屈折系とを組み合わせた所謂反射屈折光学系で投影光学系を構成する種々の技術が提案されている。

【0003】例えば、特開昭63-183319号公報

及び特公平5-25170号公報には、光軸上の光線を含む露光領域を用いる反射屈折光学系が開示されている。また、光軸上を用いず輪帯状の露光領域を用いる光学系としては、特公平7-111512号公報及びUSP-4, 779, 986号に開示された光学系がある。【0004】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】上記の光軸上の光線を含む露光領域を用いる反射屈折光学系では、光路分割のために透過反射面を持ったビームスプリッターを使う必要がある。このような光学系ではウエハー面からの反射光による内面反射や、ビームスプリッター以降の光学系の屈折面での内面反射、ビームスプリッターの透過反射面等において、フレアーや照明ムラの原因となる透光が発生し易い。また開口数を大きくすると大型のビームスプリッターが必要となり、光量ロスによる露光時間の長大化は半導体製造工程におけるスループットの低下を招く。さらに特開平6-300973号公報等にも開示されているように、光量ロスを防ぐ為に偏光ビームスプリッターの採用が必要となるが、大型の偏光ビームスプリッターを製造することは極めて難しく、透過反射膜の不均一性、角度特性、吸収、位相変化などが結像特性を劣化させるという不都合があった。

【0005】一方、輪帯状の露光領域を用いるUSP-4, 779, 986号に開示された反射屈折光学系では、反射光学系を中間像よりもウエハー面よりの縮小側に採用している。しかし縮小側はレチクル面側に比べてNAが大きいので、光路分割が困難で光学系のNAを大きくすることができず、十分な解像力を持つことができない。また凹面鏡の大型化も避けられない。

【0006】同様に輪帯状の露光領域を用いる特公平7-111512号公報に開示された反射屈折光学系では、中間像を形成するための凹面鏡を含む第1結像光学系が完全対称型の光学系で構成されており、中間像はレチクル面の等倍像となっている。これにより第1結像光学系の収差発生を軽減させているが、第2結像光学系が全系の倍率を一手に受け持つこととなり、第2結像光学系にかかる負担が重くなる。特に光学系に大きなNAが要求されると、第2結像光学系の大型化、複雑化は避けられない。

【0007】本発明は斯かる点に鑑み、紫外線波長域で大きな開口数を達成し、光学系全体が実用的な大きさで、クォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有し、光学系の各構成部材を小型化した反射屈折光学系を提供することを目的とする。

【0008】

【課題を解決するための手段】上述の目的を達成するために、本発明では、光線が進行する順に、屈折部材によって構成された第1結像光学系S1と、凹面鏡M1と、屈折部材によって構成された第2結像光学系S2とを含み、半導体素子のパターンを基板上へ投影する反射屈折

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光学系において、前記第1結像光学系を構成する屈折部材及び前記第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材のうち、少なくとも1つの屈折部材は非球面を有することを特徴とする反射屈折光学系を提供する。

【0009】

【発明の実施の形態】上述の様に本発明においては、屈折部材に非球面形状を採用することで、高次収差の発生を軽減すること及び光学系のNAを大きくすることが可能となり、光学系の大型化、複雑化を防ぐことができる。これは、屈折面を球面からずらすことにより、レン

ズ面周辺の光束を理想的に曲げることができるようにする。それによって、光束全体を広げずに、高次の収差補正ができるようになるからである。

【0010】特に、第1結像光学系S1に非球面形状の屈折面を導入すると、第1結像光学系S1の大型化を防ぐことができ、第2結像光学系S2に非球面形状の屈折面を導入すると、第2結像光学系S2の大型化を防ぐことができる。また、本発明では、第1結像光学系S1は、光線が一度だけ通過する第1レンズ群G1と、光線が往復する第2レンズ群G2とからなり、第2レンズ群G2の最も凹面鏡M1に近いレンズは、負レンズLSであり、第2レンズ群G2を射出した光線は、第2結像光学系S2に入射する前に半導体素子のパターンを一度結像することが好ましい。特にこのような光学系の配置にすると、各構成部材の小型化が達成できる。その上、光線の進行する順に、第2レンズ群G2の最も凹面鏡M1に近いレンズを負レンズLS、凹面鏡M1、第2結像光学系S2と配置し、第2レンズ群G2を射出した光線が第2結像光学系S2に入射する前に半導体素子のパターンを一度結像するという構成は、軸上色収差の低減に非

常に有効である。

【0011】上述の様な構成の光学系の場合には、更に、第2レンズ群G2が少なくとも2つの異なる負の屈折力を持つ屈折部材と、少なくとも2つの異なる正の屈折力を持つ屈折部材から構成されることが好ましい。負の屈折力を持つレンズは、コマ収差や球面収差、像面湾曲等の補正に大いに有効であり、正の屈折力を持つレンズは光学系が大きくなることなく、大きなNAや大きな露光領域を持つために有効である。さらに、第2結像光学系S2の収差を補償し、第2結像光学系S2の収差補正の負担を軽くするためには少なくとも各々2つずつのレンズを有することが望ましい。

【0012】そして、更に、第1レンズ群G1は、少なくとも3つの異なる屈折力を持つ屈折部材から構成されることが好ましい。近時、光学系に解像力が求められるにつれて、歪曲収差の補正や像面湾曲の補正も厳しいスペックが要求されている。この達成のためには、製造時の調整が必要となるが、調整用のレンズはレチクル面近傍のレンズが有効である。しかし本発明の光学系の第2レンズ群G2は、往復用光学系であるため、調整用の

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レンズとしては不向きといえる。従って、第1レンズ群G1に少なくとも3つの異なる屈折力を持つレンズで構成することにより、歪曲収差や像面湾曲の製造時の調整が可能となる。また、上記の構成に第1レンズ群G1をすることで、レチクルR面付近でのワーキングディスタンスを大きくすることが可能となり、ステップ・アンド・スキャン方式の露光を実現できる。

【0013】また、第2結像光学系S2は、主に球面収差やコマ収差を補正し、光学系が大きなNAを持つための重要な役割を果たす。本発明では、第1結像光学系S1と第2結像光学系S2との間に、光路偏向部材M3を配置することが好ましい。これは、ミラー等の光路偏向部材を配置することによって、光学系全体を折り曲げることが可能になり、光学系全体の小型化を達成することができるためである。

【0014】また、本発明では、波長が300nmを超えた短波長を露光用の光源として使用するため、特に、この領域での光量透過特性が良く、経済的で、加工性の良い石英か蛍石を使用することが好ましい。また、本発明では、凹面鏡M1を非球面形状に形成しても構わない。凹面鏡M1が非球面形状であると、高次収差の発生なく凹面鏡M1の持つ正の屈折力を大きくすることができ、光学系の小型化及び大NA化の実現、さらに広帯域の波長についての色収差補正が可能となる。

【0015】尚、第2結像光学系S2の光路中に開口絞り（可変絞り）を設けることで、コヒーレンスファクタ（ σ 値）を調整できる。焦点深度を深くして且つ解像力を上げる一つの手法として、例えば特公昭62-50811号公報において、レチクルのパターン中の所定部分の位相を他の部分からずらす位相シフト法が提案されている。本発明においては、コヒーレンスファクタ（ σ 値）を調整することが可能であるため、この位相シフト法の効果をさらに向上できる利点がある。

【0016】

【実施例】以下に本発明による反射屈折光学系の数値実施例を示す。各数値実施例による反射屈折光学系は、レチクルR側から順に（光線が進行する順に）、屈折部材によって構成された第1結像光学系S1、凹面鏡M1、屈折部材によって構成された第2結像光学系S2とによって構成され、第1結像光学系S1は、光線が一度だけ通過する第1レンズ群G1と光線が往復する第2レンズ群G2とからなり、第2レンズ群の最も凹面鏡M1に近いレンズは、負レンズLSで構成されている。

【0017】また、各数値実施例とも、NA=0.6で、像高が5から18.6までの範囲で収差補正がなされている。尚、露光領域としては、前述の像高の範囲を輪帯状にしてもよいし、光軸から5離れたところに6×30の長方形にしてもよい。第1実施例及び第2実施例の各表中、rは面の曲率半径を表し、dは面の間隔を表している。また、硝材として、石英はSiO₂と、蛍石

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はCaF₂と各表中記載してある。石英及び蛍石の193.0nmに対する屈折率n及び±0.1nmに対する分散値1/νは、次の通りである。

【0018】

	n	1/ν
合成石英	1.58019	1780
蛍石	1.50138	2550

また、各実施例中、非球面は、以下の式によって表されるものである。

$$Z = (Y^4 / r) / \{ 1 + \sqrt{1 - (1 + K) Y^4 / r^2} \} + C_4 Y^4 + C_6 Y^6 + C_8 Y^8 + C_{10} Y^{10} + C_{12} Y^{12}$$

但し、Z : 頂点より光軸方向に測った距離

Y : 頂点より光軸に垂直な方向に測った距離

K : 円錐係数

r : 頂点の曲率半径

C₄、C₆、C₈、C₁₀、C₁₂ : 4次、6次、8次、10次、12次の非球面係数

【第1実施例】第1実施例では、第1レンズ群G1は、レチクルR面より順に、両凸レンズ、両凹レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、平行平板によって構成されている。また、第2レンズ群は、レチクルR面より順に、両凸レンズ、両凹レンズ、両凸レンズ、両凹レンズ、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を*

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*向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR側の面を非球面AS1に形成したレチクルR面側に凹面を向けた負メニスカスレンズLSによって構成されている。ここで、第1レンズ群G1の中の平行平板は、レンズの一部を、光路偏向部材として平面鏡M2に加工している。そして、この平面鏡M2付近で、一度レチクルRの像を結像する。また、本実施例中では、凹面鏡M1は、非球面AS2に形成している。

【0019】更に、第2結像光学系S2は、レチクルR面より順に、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズ、開口絞りAP、両凸レンズ、レチクルR側の面を非球面AS3に形成したレチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凹レンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズから構成されている。ここで、本実施例では、第2結像光学系S2の中の一歩目のレンズと二歩目のレンズとの間に、光路偏向部材として平面鏡M3を配置して、レチクルR面とウェハーW面とが平行になるようにしている。

面番号	r	d	硝材	R
	0.000	50.000		
1	1827.099	25.000	SiO ₂	S1 G1
2	-391.019	13.420		
3	-396.812	25.000	SiO ₂	
4	829.284	1.000		
5	459.609	25.000	SiO ₂	
6	745.296	1.000		
7	488.042	25.000	SiO ₂	
8	586.033	25.000		
9	0.000	35.000	SiO ₂	
10	0.000	16.000		
11	361.664	32.175	CaF ₂	G2
12	-449.989	1.000		
13	-561.169	20.000	SiO ₂	
14	255.230	1.000		
15	223.249	39.738	CaF ₂	
16	-756.196	57.483		
17	-315.859	20.000	SiO ₂	
18	299.543	1.000		
19	260.236	32.584	CaF ₂	
20	-675.594	211.188		
21	-163.356	20.000	SiO ₂	
22	-252.267	38.241		
23	2280.139	25.000	SiO ₂	

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7				8	
24	-1082.014	3.367			
25	556.937	40.000	SiO ₂		
26	4236.526	156.695			
27	-215.826	25.000	SiO ₂	LS	AS1
28	-4417.336	33.561			
29	-354.342	-33.561		M1	AS2
30	-4417.336	-25.000	SiO ₂	LS	
31	-215.826	-156.695			AS1
32	4236.526	-40.000	SiO ₂		
33	556.937	-3.367			
34	-1082.014	-25.000	SiO ₂		
35	2280.139	-38.241			
36	-252.267	-20.000	SiO ₂		
37	-163.356	-211.188			
38	-675.594	-32.584	CaF ₂		
39	260.236	-1.000			
40	299.543	-20.000	SiO ₂		
41	-315.859	-57.483			
42	-756.196	-39.738	CaF ₂		
43	223.249	-1.000			
44	255.230	-20.000	SiO ₂		
45	-561.169	-1.000			
46	-449.989	-32.175	CaF ₂		
47	361.664	-5.000			
48	0.000	235.151		M2	
49	687.782	30.000	SiO ₂	S2	
50	-1403.174	170.000			
51	0.000	-150.026		M3	
52	262.520	-25.000	SiO ₂		
53	474.401	-1.304			
54	-632.711	-27.786	SiO ₂		
55	5490.382	-168.081			
56	-1783.259	-25.000	SiO ₂		
57	-321.439	-4.402			
58	-357.850	-44.750	CaF ₂		
59	3152.678	-173.787			
60	0.000	-28.467		AP	
61	-566.009	-45.000	CaF ₂		
62	806.950	-1.000			
63	-212.463	-31.096	CaF ₂	AS3	
64	-368.988	-65.190			
65	-260.201	-44.295	SiO ₂		
66	-544.105	-1.000			
67	-169.071	-31.373	CaF ₂		
68	-824.497	-9.524			
69	1558.569	-30.000	SiO ₂		
70	-466.123	-8.738			
71	7503.078	-29.965	SiO ₂		
72	566.609	-15.714			
73	-197.683	-64.000	SiO ₂		

7 4 -1633.285 -17.000

7 5 0.000

W

円錐係数K及び非球面係数C

	AS 1	AS 2	AS 3
	r 2 7 (= r 3 1)	r 2 9 (M 1)	r 6 3
K	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
C ₁	0.184947*10 ⁻⁸	0.820832*10 ⁻⁸	0.184651*10 ⁻⁸
C ₂	0.211178*10 ⁻¹¹	0.447187*10 ⁻¹¹	0.427327*10 ⁻¹¹
C ₃	-0.382898*10 ⁻¹⁷	-0.564120*10 ⁻¹⁷	0.101914*10 ⁻¹⁷
C ₄	0.152790*10 ⁻¹¹	0.229674*10 ⁻¹¹	-0.159307*10 ⁻¹¹
C ₅	-0.561578*10 ⁻¹⁸	-0.558227*10 ⁻¹⁷	0.167653*10 ⁻¹⁸

以上の様に、本実施例では、NAが0.8で像高Yが5から18.8まで使用可能で、全ての光学部材の径が20程度の反射屈折光学系を示した。図2は、本実施例での反射屈折光学系の横収差図であり、(a)が像高Y=18.8のとき、(b)が像高Y=5のときの各波長での収差を表している。図2からも分かるように本実施例の反射屈折光学系は、非常に良く収差補正されている。

【第2実施例】第2実施例では、第1レンズ群G1は、レチクルR面より順に、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズ、両凹レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、平行平板によって構成されている。また、第2レンズ群は、レチクルR面より順に、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凹レンズ、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を向けた負メニスカスレンズL₁によって構成されている。ここで、第1レン*30

*ズ群G1の中の平行平板は、レンズの一部を、光路偏向部材として平面鏡M2に加工している。そして、この平面鏡M2付近で、一度レチクルRの像を結像する。また、本実施例中では、凹面鏡M1は、非球面AS1に形成している。

【0020】更に、第2結像光学系S2は、レチクルR面より順に、両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凹面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、開口絞りAP、レチクルR側の面を非球面AS2に形成した両凸レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凹レンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、レチクルR面側に凸面を向けたメニスカスレンズ、両凸レンズから構成されている。ここで、本実施例では、第2結像光学系S2の中の二番目のレンズと三番目のレンズとの間に、光路偏向部材として平面鏡M3を配置して、レチクルR面とウェハーW面とが平行になるようにしている。

面番号	r	d	硝材	R
	0.000	45.000		
1	281.775	18.000	SiO ₂	S1 G1
2	195.859	1.598		
3	196.715	40.418	SiO ₂	
4	-480.361	14.536		
5	-548.718	20.000	SiO ₂	
6	204.428	5.448		
7	203.274	20.000	SiO ₂	
8	401.273	25.000		
9	0.000	35.000	SiO ₂	
10	0.000	15.500		
11	303.555	30.000	CaF ₂	G2
12	-1740.057	5.924		
13	-425.354	20.000	SiO ₂	
14	-2761.815	1.849		
15	300.937	40.000	CaF ₂	
16	-2581.928	1.849		
17	288.864	20.000	SiO ₂	
18	177.975	57.224		

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19	-175.888	20.000	SiO ₂		
20	764.840	0.500			
21	342.881	36.406	CaF ₂		
22	-329.279	48.341			
23	270.936	25.000	SiO ₂		
24	328.277	66.732			
25	778.307	40.000	SiO ₂		
26	-518.576	15.753			
27	-223.579	25.000	SiO ₂		
28	-658.513	42.435			
29	-229.025	25.000	SiO ₂	LS	
30	-1514.955	17.542			
31	-332.936	-17.542		M1	AS1
32	-1514.955	-25.000	SiO ₂	LS	
33	-229.025	-42.435			
34	-658.513	-25.000	SiO ₂		
35	-223.579	-15.753			
36	-518.576	-40.000	SiO ₂		
37	778.307	-66.732			
38	328.277	-25.000	SiO ₂		
39	270.936	-48.341			
40	-329.279	-36.406	CaF ₂		
41	342.881	-0.500			
42	764.840	-20.000	SiO ₂		
43	-175.888	-57.224			
44	177.975	-20.000	SiO ₂		
45	288.864	-1.849			
46	-2581.928	-40.000	CaF ₂		
47	300.937	-1.849			
48	-2761.815	-20.000	SiO ₂		
49	-425.354	-5.924			
50	-1740.057	-30.000	CaF ₂		
51	303.555	-0.500			
52	0.000	233.000		M2	
53	415.207	31.117	CaF ₂	S2	
54	-631.341	0.500			
55	306.049	20.000	SiO ₂		
56	218.635	150.000			
57	0.000	-165.240		M3	
58	-711.482	-25.000	SiO ₂		
59	-2123.013	-302.795			
60	3482.765	-30.000	SiO ₂		
61	654.764	-15.000			
62	0.000	-59.904		AP	
63	-230.331	-70.000	CaF ₂	AS2	
64	1603.607	-0.500			
65	-204.918	-28.538	SiO ₂		
66	-602.518	-14.615			
67	1240.449	-30.000	SiO ₂		
68	-510.567	-0.500			

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6 9	-308.492	-70.000	S i O ₂		
7 0	-714.386	-0.500			
7 1	-170.397	-45.000	S i O ₂		
7 2	-62.983	-4.156			
7 3	-63.147	-62.343	S i O ₂		
7 4	766.887	-17.000			
7 5	0.000			W	

円錐係数K及び非球面係数C

	AS 1	AS 2
	r 3 1 (M 1)	r 6 3
K	0.000000	0.000000
C ₄	0.815186*10 ⁻⁹	0.371510*10 ⁻⁹
C ₆	0.106110*10 ⁻¹¹	0.507303*10 ⁻¹¹
C ₈	0.216157*10 ⁻¹³	0.416256*10 ⁻¹³
C ₁₀	-0.473987*10 ⁻¹⁵	0.261764*10 ⁻¹⁵
C ₁₂	0.490366*10 ⁻¹⁷	-0.397276*10 ⁻¹⁷

以上の様に、本実施例では、NAが0.6で像高Y=5から18.6まで使用可能で、全ての光学部材の径が20程度の反射屈折光学系を示した。図4は、本実施例での反射屈折光学系の横収差図であり、(a)が像高Y=18.6とき、(b)が像高Y=5のときの各波長での収差を表している。図4からも分かるように本実施例の反射屈折光学系は、非常に良く収差補正されている。

【0021】

【発明の効果】以上のように、本発明では、紫外線波長域で大きな開口数を達成し、光学系全体が実用的な大きさで、クォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有し、更に製造も容易な反射屈折光学系を提供することが可能になった。

【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】図1は、第1実施例の反射屈折光学系の構成図である。

【図2】図2は、第1実施例の反射屈折光学系の収差図

である。

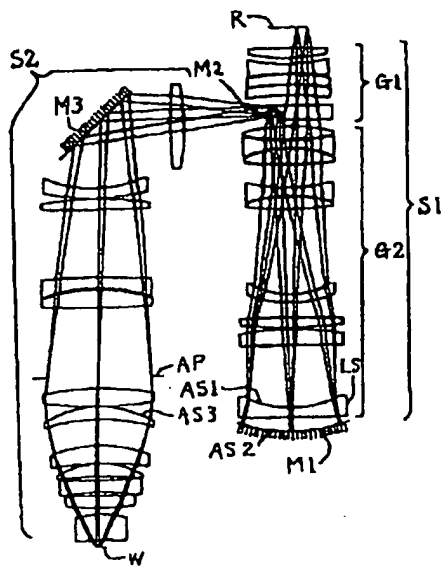
【図3】図3は、第2実施例の反射屈折光学系の構成図である。

20 【図4】図4は、第2実施例の反射屈折光学系の収差図である。

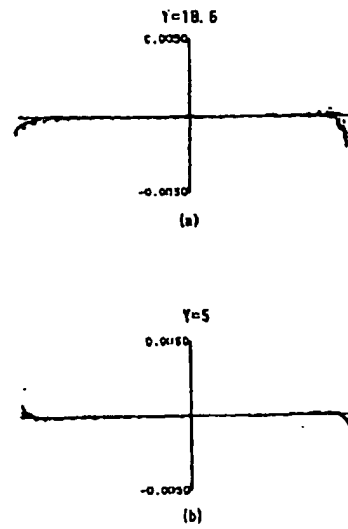
【符号の説明】

S 1	第1結像光学系
S 2	第2結像光学系
G 1	第1レンズ群
G 2	第2レンズ群
M 1	凹面鏡
M 2	第1光路偏向部材
M 3	第2光路偏向部材
30 AS	非球面に形成された面
AP	開口絞り
R	レチクル
W	ウェハー

【図1】

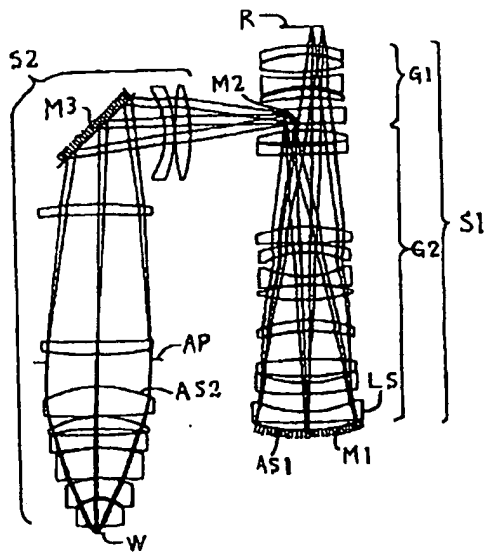


【図2】

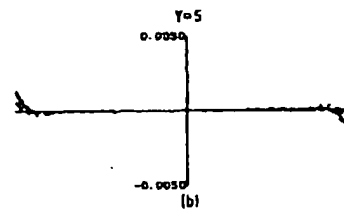
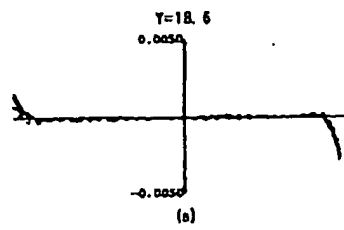


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.....	193.0	nm

【図3】



【図4】



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【手続補正1】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】発明の名称

【補正方法】変更

【補正の内容】

【発明の名称】反射屈折光学系、投影露光装置及び投影露光方法

【手続補正2】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】特許請求の範囲

【補正方法】変更

【補正の内容】

【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】

光線が進行する順に、屈折部材によって構成された第1結像光学系と、凹面鏡と、屈折部材によって構成された第2結像光学系とを含み、半導体素子のパターンを基板上へ投影する反射屈折光学系において、

前記第1結像光学系を構成する屈折部材及び前記第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材のうち、少なくとも1つの屈折部材は非球面を有することを特徴とする反射屈折光学系。

【請求項2】

前記第1結像光学系は、光線が一度だけ通過する第1レンズ群と、光線が往復する第2レンズ群とからなり、

該第2レンズ群の最も凹面鏡に近いレンズは、負レンズであり、

前記第2レンズ群を射出した光線は、前記第2結像光学系に入射する前に前記半導体素子のパターンを一度結像することを特徴とする請求項1記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項3】

前記第1結像光学系と前記第2結像光学系との間に光路偏向部材を配置したことを特徴とする請求項1又は2記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項4】

前記第1結像光学系を構成する屈折部材及び前記第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材は、石英及び蛍石、またはその何れか1つの硝材により構成されることを特徴とする請求項1乃至3の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項5】

前記凹面鏡は非球面形状であることを特徴とする請求項1乃至4の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項6】

レチクルのパターン像を基板上に露光する反射屈折光学系において、
屈折部材と凹面鏡とを有する第1結像光学系と、
前記第1結像光学系と前記基板との間の光路中に配置されて、屈折部材を有する第2結像光学系とを備え、
前記第1及び第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材のうち、少なくとも1つの屈折部材は非球面を有することを特徴とする反射屈折光学系。

【請求項7】

前記第1結像光学系は、前記レチクルと前記凹面鏡との間の光路中に配置された第1レンズ群と、該第1レンズ群と前記凹面鏡との間の光路中に配置された第2レンズ群とを備え、
前記第1レンズ群には光線が一度だけ通過し、かつ前記第2レンズ群には光線が往復通過し、
前記第2レンズ群は、最も前記凹面鏡に近接配置される負レンズを備え、
前記第1結像光学系と前記第2結像光学系との間の光路中には前記レチクルの中間像が形成されることを特徴とする請求項6記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項8】

前記第2レンズ群は、少なくとも2つの異なる負屈折力を持つ屈折部材と、少なくとも2つの異なる正屈折力を持つ屈折部材とを備えていることを特徴とする請求項7記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項9】

前記第1レンズ群は、少なくとも3つの異なる屈折力を持つ屈折部材を備えていることを特徴とする請求項8記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項10】

前記第1レンズ群中の前記少なくとも3つの異なる屈折力を持つ屈折部材は、調整用のレンズを備えていることを特徴とする請求項9記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項11】

前記第1結像光学系と前記第2結像光学系との間の光路中に配置された光路偏向部材をさらに備えていることを特徴とする請求項6乃至10の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項12】

前記第1及び第2結像光学系を構成する屈折部材は、石英及び蛍石、またはその何れか1つの材料により構成されることを特徴とする請求項6乃至11の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項13】

前記凹面鏡は非球面形状を有することを特徴とする請求項6乃至12の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項14】

前記第2結像光学系は、可変絞りを備えていることを特徴とする請求項6乃至13の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系。

【請求項15】

投影光学系を介してレチクルの像を基板上に露光する投影露光装置において、
前記レチクルの像を前記基板上に転写するための請求項1乃至14の何れか一項記載の

反射屈折光学系を備えていることを特徴とする投影露光装置。

【請求項 16】

投影光学系を介してレチクルの像を基板上に露光する投影露光方法において、

請求項 1 乃至 14 の何れか一項記載の反射屈折光学系を用いて前記レチクルの像を基板上に転写することを特徴とする投影露光方法。

【手続補正 3】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】0001

【補正方法】変更

【補正の内容】

【0001】

【発明の属する技術分野】

本発明は、例えば半導体素子、または液晶表示素子等をフォトリソグラフィ工程で製造する際に使用される投影露光装置で用いられる光学系、特に、光学系の要素として反射鏡を用いることにより、紫外線波長域でクォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有する反射屈折光学系、該反射屈折光学系を用いた投影露光装置及び該反射屈折光学系を用いた投影露光方法に関する。

【手続補正 4】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】0007

【補正方法】変更

【補正の内容】

【0007】

本発明は斯かる点に鑑み、紫外線波長域で大きな開口数を達成し、光学系全体が実用的な大きさで、クォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有し、光学系の各構成部材を小型化した反射屈折光学系、該反射屈折光学系を用いた投影露光装置及び該反射屈折光学系を用いた投影露光方法を提供することを目的とする。

【手続補正 5】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】0021

【補正方法】変更

【補正の内容】

【0021】

【発明の効果】

以上のように、本発明では、紫外線波長域で大きな開口数を達成し、光学系全体が実用的な大きさで、クォーターミクロン単位の解像度を有し、更に製造も容易な反射屈折光学系、該反射屈折光学系を用いた投影露光装置及び該反射屈折光学系を用いた投影露光方法を提供することが可能となった。